

to vote on an issue, we need to analyze that issue and think whether or not it is in fact the kind of thing we can recommend because when the Legislature puts an issue on the ballot, it really to a great extent is recommending that proposal. It is to a great extent suggesting that by a substantial majority, not a bare majority, but by a substantial majority we can recommend that proposal. I, frankly, cannot recommend this proposal. I, frankly, would not like this proposal to go on the ballot the way it stands. I can deal with the issue separately. I can deal with them if I thought we had an opportunity to amend, but we have none of those opportunities. It is this or nothing. The choice being that clear, I, for one, need to take nothing.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, in my six years in the Legislature, I have not seen such an abomination in terms of legislative procedure as what we are about to do today. You are not only skipping the public hearing but you are skipping General File, you are skipping referencing, you are skipping Select File, except in so far as we are going to have a vote after a brief discussion today and this is going to go all the way to Final Reading, and who understands what is in this particular amendment and what it actually means. Agriculture is set out as a special class. Not only is it set out as a special class but no improvements are going to be taken into the valuation. Not only are those two things going to happen but it is going to be assessed in accordance with productivity. Those are a number of the types of things that are in here. Are you sure you understand the implications of this? I certainly don't understand it. But it is four or five revolutionary changes. I do not accept this motion to suspend the rules. I think it makes a laughing stock of the Legislature and of the processes of the Legislature and I would like to put everybody on notice that if this is voted on and the rules are suspended, then I intend to maximize the use of the rules to my advantage in this Legislature even if it makes me persona non grata to every person who votes for the suspension of this rule. Thank you.